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**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Sergeant
Joseph Proctor.

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Whereas, Sergeant Joseph E. Proctor, Indiana National Guard, "distinguished himself by exhibiting exceptionally valorous conduct in the face of an enemy attack as Military Transition Team Trainer for 1st Battalion, 172nd Armor, Camp Ramadi, Iraq on 3 May 2006 during Operation Iraqi Freedom";

Whereas, For his courage in the face of enemy fire, Sergeant Proctor was awarded the Silver Star and was the first Hoosier Guardsman to earn the award during the Iraq war;

Whereas, The Silver Star, established by Congress in 1918, is the nation's third highest award given for valor in combat;

Whereas, Sergeant Proctor was assigned to the National Guard's 638th Aviation Support Battalion as a fuel specialist but volunteered for dangerous duty training Iraqi soldiers;

Whereas, The job of Military Transition Team Trainer is one of the most dangerous and challenging jobs a soldier can perform;

Whereas, As a petroleum specialist who volunteered from the task force support platoon, Sergeant Proctor was in almost constant danger patrolling the most violent areas of Tammim;



Whereas, On the day of the attack, Sergeant Proctor was on duty when Observation Post 293 began receiving direct fire;

Whereas, Without any concern for his own personal safety or a direct order to leave the barracks, Sergeant Proctor donned his protective equipment, secured his weapon, and left the safety of the barracks to assist those on security patrol who were under attack;

Whereas, A large dump truck entered the complex through the west gate, and Sergeant Proctor immediately fired over 25 rounds from his M16 into the cab of the truck, killing the driver before the truck could get further into the compound;

Whereas, The truck exploded, causing significant destruction and mortally wounding Sergeant Proctor;

Whereas, Sergeant Proctor is truly a hero whose actions saved countless lives; and

Whereas, Sergeant Proctor stands as a shining example of the selfless courage and strength of conviction displayed by the members of this nation's armed forces: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That, on behalf of the people of Indiana, we extend our
2 heartfelt sympathy to the family of Sergeant Joseph Proctor. We share
3 their grief and are aware of his sacrifice. We resolve that he has not
4 died in vain and shall not be forgotten.

5 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
6 Secretary of the Senate to his wife Beth, his children Joseph,
7 Cassandra, and Adam, his parents Lloyd and Sharon Proctor, his
8 brothers Eddie and David Proctor, and his sister Vicky Moss.

